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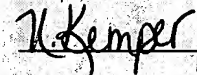
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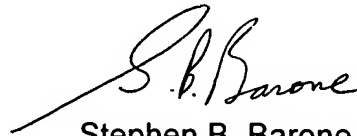
Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the entry corresponding to C.D. Allred and R.L. McCreery, Near-Infrared Raman Spectroscopy of Liquids and Solids with a Fiber-Optic Sampler, Diode Laser, and CCD Detector, Applied Spectroscopy, 44, 1229-1231, 1990, on the PTO-form 1449 provided with this submission. This reference was first submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on behalf of the Applicants in the Information Disclosure Statement of April 3, 2003. Due to an inadvertent error, the reference was not indicated on the PTO-1449 form submitted on April 3, 2003. Applicant notes that this reference does appear, however, in the online Image File Wrapper for Application No. 10/055,625 in the Patent Application Information Retrieval system.

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Respectfully submitted,

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			Allred, C.D. <i>et al.</i> (1990) "Near-Infrared Raman Spectroscopy of Liquids and Solids with a Fiber-Optic Sampler, Diode Laser, and CCD Detector;" Applied Spectroscopy 44(7):1229-1231.

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